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To mention the subject of dehorning cattle is usually enough to start an argument, as for years controversies have been waged about this custom in this and other countries, and much has been said for and against the practice. While the writer does not wish to start an argument, he does wish to say a few words in favor or dehorning, and hopes to be able to both justify his position and substantiate his opinon with regard to the matter.

The stand usually taken by those opposed to the practice is that it is cruel, and that it is the part of all minantiarians to prevent cruelty tanimals in any form whatever, and they further assert that the animals would not have been given horns by the Creator if there had not been need for them. This last fact we will freely admit, but even while doing so, we must hasten to remind the humanitarian that these horns were given as weapons of offense and defense while the cattle were in a wild state. The utility of the weapon is unquestionable in the event of attacks from the wild heasts of the forest, yet in their present state of domesticity these same wapons are not only unnecessary, but are a positive menace to their companions, as well as a dangerous encumbrance to themselves, to say nothing of the seapon is unquested.

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horning at an early age he will naturally learn to use his head, as a weapon, adopting the cataput-like tactics of the "moolly," and while that method is not as dangerous as horning, for his own kind it is just as bad for his owner, as a man does not like being butted into the next world one bit better than being tossed there by a pair of shærp horns. It has frequently been demonstrated that a victous, unruly bull can be completely subjugated by depriving him of his horns, as without doubt the animal retains a memory of being thrown and having his weapons taken from him by man, and thus realizes that he has been conquered.

In performing the operation known a denorning the all-important points to secure the animal so that it can

chion in front through which the tandmal can pass its head; then, in the rear have a trap door which can be dropped into place when the snimal has passed in, thus preventing it from backing. New, by the use of a leading ring fastened, in the nose one man can hold the animal's head perfectly still in the right position, while another can quickly remove the horn with any good dehorner. The second horn is removed in the same manner, only a few minutes being required for the entire operation.

Animals may be dehormed at any time except fly time, or when there is likely to be a severe drop of the mercury, and cold water is the only dressing recommended. It is a good idea to deprive the animals of all food for about twelve hours before dehorning.

QUERIES AND ANSWERS. By J. G. Ferneyhough, D. V. S.
Query from Scottsburg, Va.: Please
suggest treatment for removal of splint
from a horse's leg; the splint has been
there about two months.

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Answer: Have a veterinarian fire the splint with a white hot iron, and then blister the same, according to the advice of the operator. If you want good results from the said operation give the animal at least two months' absolute rest, with a dirt floor to stand on.

Query from Appomattox, Va.: I have a mare with a discharge from the nose, and she is also swellen beneath the jaw; kindly tell me what to do for

Query from Sunny Side, Va.: I have a small flock of sheep which have been affected lately with a peculiar dis-ease. The wool comes off by simply touching it after death, and they have

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